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FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS
FROM DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S PRESS BRIEFING JUNE 4, 1975:

AMBASSADOR ANDERSON: I POSTED EARLIER, BUT THERE HAS BEEN
A CHANGE, AND SOME OF YOU MAY NOT HAVE SEEN IT --
AMBASSADOR DINITZ WAS SCHEDULED TO COME IN AT FOUR. HE IS
NOW COMING IN AT FOUR-THIRTY TO SEE THE SECRETARY.

Q. ON ANOTHER SUBJECT -- COMMENTS BY DIXIE LEE RAY
(ASSISTANT SECRETARY BUREAU OF OCEANS AND INTERNATIONAL
ENVIRONMENTAL AND SCIENTIFIC AFFAIRS) YESTERDAY ON THE
SUBJECT OF (NUCLEAR) SAFEGUARDS, ON THE RECORD, INDICATED
THAT THERE IS A PRETTY SERIOUS DISPUTE GOING ON IN THE
ADMINISTRATION ON SAFEGUARD POLICY. DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING
TO ADD ON THAT SUBJECT HERE?

A. FRANKLY, I DO NOT. JUST LET ME SAY THAT OUR POLICY WITH
REGARD TO SAFEGUARDS IS WELL-KNOWN. THE PRESIDENT HAS

ADDRESSED HIMSELF TO IT ON UMBER OF OCCASIONS. WITH
REGARD TO THE CURRENT POSSIBLE AGREEMENT BETWEEN BRAZIL AND
THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, (FOR GERMAN NUCLEAR
EXPORTS TO BRAZIL) WHICH I BELIEVE HAS BEEN ADDRESSED HERE
FOR THE LAST COUPLE OF DAYS, WE DON'T HAVE THE TEXT OF
THAT AGREEMENT, THE AGREEMENT HAS NOT BEEN COMPLETED. BUT
THERE ARE ONE OR TWO POINTS ON THIS THAT I MIGHT MENTION
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TO YOU -- BECAUSE THIS ALSO WAS IN ONE OF THE NEWSPAPERS
THIS MORNING, THE QUESTION OF HAVE WE HAD ANY BILATERAL
DISCUSSIONS WITH THE GERMANS. I CAN CONFIRM THAT WE DID
HAVE SOME BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS WITH THEM ON THIS PRO-
POSED SALE.

Q. WOULD YOU CONFIRM THAT WE SENT A DELEGATION OF FOUR
PEOPLE OVER IN APRIL --

A. YES, SIR.

Q. WHAT WAS THE NATURE OF THEIR MISSION?

A. IT WAS TO DISCUSS OUR CONCERN, WHICH HAS BEEN EXPRESSED MANY TIMES, OVER THE POSSIBLE PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR ENERGY WHICH MIGHT BE DIVERTED INTO NUCLEAR WEAPONS. OUR TALKS WITH THE GERMANS WERE VERY USEFUL, VERY FRANK TALKS. AND AS I THINK JOHN TRATTNER MENTIONED TO YOU THE FRG IS A PARTY TO THE NPT AND IS THEREFORE OBLIGED TO APPLY IAEA SAFEGUARDS TO ALL ITS EXPORTS TO NON-NUCLEAR WEAPON STATES. AND THE INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO US -- AND I REPEAT AGAIN WE HAVE NOT SEEN THE AGREEMENT OR DRAFT AGREEMENT -- INDICATES THAT THE WEST GERMAN GOVERNMENT WILL REQUIRE ADDITIONAL STRINGENT CONTROLS. AND WE ARE GRATIFIED THAT THIS IS THE CASE.

Q. YOU SENT A DELEGATION OVER TO PERSUADE THEM TO APPLY ADDITIONAL CONTROLS, SAFEGUARD MEASURES, IS THAT RIGHT?

A. LET ME PUT IT THIS WAY. I DON'T WANT TO GET INTO THE DETAILS OF ALL THE DISCUSSIONS THAT WE HAVE HAD WITH THE GERMANS. I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT WE EXPRESSED OUR CONCERN OVER THIS POSSIBLE SALE, PARTICULARLY SINCE THE PROPOSAL INCLUDES THE PROVISION OF CHEMICAL REPROCESSING AND URANIUM ENRICHMENT TECHNOLOGY AND EQUIPMENT TO BRAZIL. I AM TRYING TO TELL YOU NOW THAT THESE TALKS WERE USEFUL AND THAT THERE ARE GOING TO BE, AS FAR AS WE CAN TELL, ADDITIONAL STRINGENT CONTROLS OVER AND ABOVE THE IAEA SAFEGUARDS WHICH WESTERN GERMANY, AS A SIGNATORY TO THE NPT, IS OBLIGED TO APPLY IN THIS SALE.

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Q. DOES THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT CONSIDER THE IAEA SAFEGUARDS AS INADEQUATE?

A. WE HAVE, AS YOU KNOW, IN ANY OF OUR OWN AGREEMENTS THAT WE MAY CONCLUDE IN THIS AREA WITH FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS, ADDITIONAL SAFEGUARDS THAT WE WISH TO SEE BE APPLIED -- NOT JUST IAEA SAFEGUARDS. THE IAEA SAFEGUARDS ARE EXCELLENT SAFEGUARDS, BUT IN CERTAIN AREAS WE WANT TO SEE MORE SAFEGUARDS, BECAUSE OF OUR CONCERN.

Q. THERE IS SOME TALK OF DRAFTING SOME KIND OF CONVENTION ON THIS. HOW FAR ALONG IS THAT?

A. YOU REMEMBER THE SECRETARY RAISED THIS AT THE END OF LAST SEPTEMBER, EARLY OCTOBER, IN HIS UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY SPEECH, THAT WE WOULD BE DISCUSSING THIS QUESTION OF THE EXPORT OF NUCLEAR MATERIALS, NUCLEAR REACTORS, ETC. AND WE HAVE SINCE BEEN IN COMMUNICATION WITH MANY GOVERNMENTS, INCLUDING SUPPLIERS, ON THIS QUESTION OF TRYING TO DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO MAKE SURE THAT THERE IS NOT A FURTHER PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

NOW, WITH REGARD TO ANY CONVENTION, I HAVE NO COMMENT ON

THAT FOR YOU AT THIS TIME. BUT WE ARE DOING EVERYTHING WE CAN TO TRY AND ACHIEVE THE GOAL THE SECRETARY MENTIONED LAST SEPTEMBER.

Q. CAN YOU GO BACK TO MY FIRST QUESTION, AND TELL ME WHETHER THERE IS A RAGING DISPUTE ON THE SAFEGUARDS ISSUE IN THIS ADMINISTRATION?

A. I DON'T THINK THERE IS A RAGING DISPUTE, NO.

Q. IS THERE A DISPUTE?

A. I DON'T THINK THAT YOU NECESSARILY HAVE TO CALL IT A DISPUTE. WITHIN THE BUREAUCRACY, THERE ARE DIFFERENT POINTS OF VIEW. THERE IS AN ADMINISTRATION POLICY ON THE QUESTION OF NUCLEAR SAFEGUARDS. I HAVE ATTEMPTED TO OUTLINE THAT TODAY

Q. IS THERE ANYBODY IN THIS BUILDING THAT QUIT OVER THIS?
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A. I AM UNAWARE OF IT.

1. WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE NEGOTIATIONS AND DEALS OTHER COUNTRIES ARE ENTERING INTO AND THE ARRANGEMENTS THAT THE UNITED STATES IS ENTERING INTO OR PROPOSING WITH OTHER COUNTRIES? WHAT IS THE ESSENTIAL DIFFERENCE?

A. WELL, I THINK HERE WITH REGARD TO THE EXAMPLE WE HAVE BEEN TALKING ABOUT THIS MORNING, IT IS THE EXTENT OF THE

PROPOSED AGREEMENT BETWEEN BRAZIL AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY. I THINK THAT IS BASICALLY THE MAJOR DIFFERENCE.

Q. WE NEVER SOLD SUCH A PACKAGE TO ANYBODY?

A. I DO NOT BELIEVE WE HAVE SOLD SUCH A PACKAGE TO ANYBODY. IF I AM WRONG, I WILL COME BACK. BUT I AM UNAWARE THAT WE HAVE.

Q. WE'VE GOT AN OFFER WITH EGYPT AND ISRAEL. THEY ARE NOT MEMBERS (OF NPT).

A. THEY ARE NOT MEMBERS, THAT IS RIGHT.

Q. IS IT FAIR TO ASSUME THAT WHENEVER WE LEARN OF A MAJOR WESTERN POWER SELLING NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY, WE WILL IMPRESS UPON THAT POWER OUR BELIEF THAT ADDITIONAL SAFEGUARDS ARE NEEDED APART FROM THE IAEA SAFEGUARDS?

A. I WOULD SAY THAT WOULD BE A FAIR ASSUMPTION, YES. I WOULD ASSUME THAT.

Q. THAT ASSUMPTION IMPLIES, THEN, THAT WE REGARD THE IAEA SAFEGUARDS AS BASICALLY INADEQUATE.

A. I DON'T WANT TO SAY -- MARILYN WENT INTO THIS EARLIER -- THAT THEY ARE INADEQUATE. THERE ARE CERTAIN ADDITIONAL SAFEGUARDS THAT WE BELIEVE WOULD BE USEFUL, DEPENDING UPON THE NATURE OF THE AGREEMENT, WHAT IS INVOLVED IN THE AGREEMENT THAT MAY BE UNDER CONSIDERATION. I THINK YOU UNCLASSIFIED

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HAVE TO LOOK AT IT ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS.

Q. ONE MORE QUESTION. JUST FOR THE RECORD, WHAT IS THE PURPOSE AND WHO INITIATED THE DINITZ MEETING THIS AFTER-NOON?

A. I NEGLECTED TO ASK WHO INITIATED HIT BECAUSE I REALLY DIDN'T THINK IT WAS THAT IMPORTANT INASMUCH AS THEY SEE EACH OTHER VERY FREQUENTLY. THE SECRETARY HAS JUST COME BACK. PRIME MINISTER RABIN WILL BE HERE IN ABOUT A WEEK OR TEN DAYS. I JUST FIND THIS A VERY NORMAL AND NATURAL MEETING TO HAVE. AND SO I DID NOT ASK SPECIFICALLY WHO INITIATED IT. KISSINGER

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